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Educational Program Grades K-12 Teachers

# **NASA Educational Workshops (NEW)**

for Educators K-12



# Workshops will be held at these NASA Centers:

**Ames Research Center** Moffett Field, California

**Dryden Flight Research** Center Edwards, California

**Glenn Research Center** Cleveland, Ohio

**Jet Propulsion Laboratory** Pasadena, California

**Kennedy Space Center** Florida

**Marshall Space Flight Center** Huntsville, Alabama

Goddard Space Flight Center Johnson Space Center Greenbelt, Maryland

Houston, Texas

**Langley Research Center** Hampton, Virginia

**Stennis Space Center** Mississippi



# NASA EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS



NASA Educational Workshops (NEW) model the integration of the national standards in mathematics, science and technology. Educators will be provided with an opportunity to observe NASA's state-of-the-art research and development through direct interaction with NASA scientists, engineers, technicians and educational specialists at a NASA Field Center. Translation activities are incorporated into the workshop to help teachers adapt their new content knowledge, experience and materials into their specific educational situations.

Selected participants will spend two weeks in the summer at one of NASA's Centers. Travel, housing and meal expenses are provided by NASA. Graduate credit is available. The two-week workshops occur during mid-June through mid-August. Participants will be notified by April 15th of their NASA Center assignment and workshop dates.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

All applicants must:

- Be citizens of the United States
- · Be certified
- Instruct full time in public or private schools in the U.S., the U.S. territories, Department of Defense Dependant Schools, Department of State Overseas Schools, or Bureau of Indian Affairs Schools
- Have a minimum of three years teaching experience
- Instruct at the K-6 grade levels; or
- Instruct mathematics, science, or technology at the K-12 grade level; or
- Serve students at the K-12 grade level as a media specialist, resource teacher, curriculum specialist, or counselor with a special interest in mathematics, science, or technology
- SUBMIT THE ORIGINAL AND TWO COPIES OF THE ENTIRE APPLICATION PACKAGE: PARTS A AND B (I-IV) NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 20.

Previous applicants are encouraged to reapply; however, previous participants are ineligible.

## WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES

Workshop participants will:

- Visit applied research facilities;
- Examine topics relating to Earth Science, Aero-Space Technology, Human Exploration and Development of Space, and Space Science;
- Collect and review educational materials in the Educator Resource Center;
- Share their teaching experiences and ideas with other participants;
- Practice a "hands on/minds on" instructional approach integrating science, mathematics and technology;
- Have an opportunity to work cooperatively in groups and discuss the use of new knowledge and skills in their own classroom; and
- Work with their colleagues to model teaching, learning, assessment and professional development strategies called for in the science, mathematics and technology education standards.

## **APPLICATION FORM**

# All applications must be sent to NSTA, NASA Educational Workshops, 1840 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201-3000.

Original application and two copies must be received by NSTA no later than February 20.

# **PART A** Applicant's Name Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_ City Home Fax\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home E-mail Social Security No. U.S. Citizen \_\_Yes \_\_No Completion of this section is voluntary. This information is used to determine how well the program serves all segments of the diverse population. Gender: Male Female Race: African American Asian American Caucasian Individual with disabilities Hispanic Native American Pacific Islander Other School School Address \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone \_\_\_\_\_School Fax \_\_\_\_ School E-mail \_\_ School District Principal's Name \_\_ School Type (Mark all that apply): \_\_Public \_\_Private Urban \_\_Suburban \_\_Rural School Level: \_\_Elementary \_\_Middle/Junior High \_\_High School Grades you currently teach (mark all that apply) \_\_K \_\_1 \_\_2 \_\_3 \_\_4 \_\_5 \_\_6 \_\_7 \_\_8 \_\_9 \_\_10 \_\_11 \_\_12 Current Position/Title (mark all that apply) Teacher Media Specialist Resource Teacher Curriculum Specialist Counselor Other Major Educational Focus (mark all that apply) \_\_\_Mathematics \_\_\_Technology \_\_\_Self-contained Science Current School Year ends: Month\_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_ Year Round Session Dates: Failure to complete the application or breach of eligibility requirements may result in disqualification. THE INFORMATION IN MY APPLICATION IS ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. Signature of Applicant Date

Part A can be filled out via computer by downloading the application from the NEW web site: http://www.nsta.org/programs/new.htm

## **PART B**

Respond to the following items. Responses should be double-spaced, on 8 1/2"x11" paper, one side only.

## I. ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Summarize your professional background and experience as outlined below. Do not exceed three (3) pages.

- **1. Current Assignment-** Describe in detail, listing courses you teach and other related duties. Account for 100% of your time.
- **2. Formal Education-** List institution(s), date and type of degree(s) received and major and minor area(s) of study.
- **3. Teaching Experience-** List school(s), teaching assignments, dates, and other information that provides an accurate portrayal of your teaching experience.
- **4. Professional Activities-** Provide examples that might include research interest, inservice participation, membership in professional organizations, publications, etc.
- **5. Other Teaching-Related Activities-** Provide examples that might include outreach to the community, liaison with local/regional businesses, special youth programs, etc.

## **II. ESSAY QUESTIONS** (maximum one page per question)

- **1.** Describe how you incorporate into your teaching, the content, methodology and assessment called for in the national standards and/or your state framework.
- 2. Describe the innovative and motivational approaches you use to address the educational needs of your students.
- **3.** Outline and describe a plan for using the knowledge and resources you will receive during the workshop with your students, school and community.

### III. CERTIFICATION

Attach a copy of your current certification(s).

### IV. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Attach three letters of recommendation: one letter from an administrator indicating the willingness of the school, and/ or district to provide you with an opportunity to share your NASA workshop materials and information with educators; and two additional letters from individuals familiar with your ability to motivate students and promote educational excellence. These letters should contain specific examples.

## ADDITIONAL LETTERS OR MATERIALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Submitted materials become the property of NASA and will not be returned.

This application may be duplicated. Additional copies may also be obtained via the NEW web site: http://www.nsta.org/programs/new.htm or e-mail: new@nsta.org; or by fax: 703-522-5413; or Fax-on-Demand: 1-888-400-6782, document #581.

The NASA Educational Workshops (NEW) are sponsored and implemented by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) serves as an educational partner to the program and provides administrative support.

International Technology Educational Association (ITEA) and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) also provide educational guidance to NASA for this program.

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